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SUBJ: DSP MISSION TO US

REF: TOKYO 8359

1. MINFON AFFAIRS SECURITY DIVISION CHIEF YAMASHITA REQUESTED
PO COUNSELOR AUG 2 TO ASK DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST JAPANESE
EMBASSY WASHINGTON IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS FOR TOP LEVEL
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) MISSION TO US AUG 31-
305 8 AS REPORTED REFTEL, MISSION
LED BY DSP SEC GEN TSUKAMOTO AND INCLUDING DEFENSE SPECIALIST
AND LOWER HOUSE DIETMAN EIICHI NAGASUE INTERESTED IN OBTAINING VIEWS
OF STATE, DEFENSE, CONGRESS AND ACADEMIC WORLD ON US-JAPAN MILITARY
AND ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIP AS WELL AS SOUTHEAST ASIAN SITUATION IN
"POST INDOCHINA EAR." IN USG, MISSION SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED
APPOINTMENTS IN PERIOD SEPT 1-4 WITH DEPUTY SECY INGERSOLL,
DEFENSE SECY SCHLESINGER, DEPUTY ASST SECY DEFENSE
ABRAMOWITZ AND DEPUTY ASST SECY ZURHELLEN. JAPANESE
EMB ALSO ATTEMPTING CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS WITH SENATORS
MANSFIELD AND SCHOTT, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR
BRYZINSKI AND CINCPAC.

2. MISSION IS FOURTH SUCH ONE DISPATCHED BY DSP SINCE INDOCHINA
COLLAPSE (OTHERS TO ROK, SOUTHEAST ASIA AND USSR) AND IS
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FIRST TO US SINCE 1971. DSP CHAIRMAN KASUJA, ON HIS RECENT

SWING THROUGH ASEAN COUNTRIES, HAS MET WITH PRESIDENTS SUHARTO AND MARCOS, AND PREMIER LEE KUAN YEW.

3. LDP SEC GEN NAKASONE TOLD EMB OFF AUG 2 THAT PRIME MINISTER MIKI FONFERS MORE OFTEN WITH KASUGA THAN WITH MIKI'S OPPONENTS IN LDP SINCE QTE WE CONDIDER DSP TO BE PART OF US UNQTE. NAKASONE HINTED THAT MIKI GOVT HOPED MISSION WOULD BE WELL RECEVED BY USG. DOMEI LABOR FEDERATION EXECUTIVES HAVE BEEN BLUNTER IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LABATT, STRESSING THAT BOTH DSP AND DOMEI SERPOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT LESSENING US ROLE IN ASIA AND RELIABILITY OF US DEFENSE COMMITMENT TO JAPAN. DOMEI PRES AMAIKE LINKED DSP TRIPS TO RECENT AFL-CIO DOMEI AGREEMENT TO COOPERATE IN SE ASIA AS PART OF JAPANESE NON-GOVERNMENTAL EFFORT TO STRNGTHEN NON-COMMUNIST ELEMENTS IN SE ASIA.

4. COMMENT. WHILE DSP IS SMALLEST PARTY IN DIET AND IS FORMALLY IN OPPOSTION, IT HAS IN PAST PROVED INVALUDABLE TO JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AT CRITICAL MOVEMENTS, THEREBY MAKING POSSIBLE HOLDING OF DIET SESSIONS DEVOTED TO RATIFICATION OF SECURITY TREATY AND OKINAWA REVERSION TREATY. WE RECALL THAT IN DEC 1971 PRIME MIN SATO'S OFFICE WEIGHED IN WITH US TO INSURE SUCCESSFUL US VISIT OF DSP CHAIRMAN KASUGA. GOJ INTEREST IN DSP US VISIT AT THIS TIME MAY TEM FROM PERSISTENT RUMOR THAT AS RESULT OF REASSESSMENT OF POST VIETNAM ASIA DSP LIKELY TO MOVE FORWARD SUPPORT OF INDEFINITE CONTINUATION US-JAPAN SECURITY TREATY. IN ANY CASE WE WILL BE TALKING TO NAGASUE THIS WEEK FOR FURTHER INSIGHT INTO WHAT DSP WANTS TO ACCOMPLISH BY US TRIP. SHOESMITH

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